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**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.114**  
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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

In response to the Final Office Action mailed November 19, 2002, in connection with the above-identified patent application, Applicants respectfully submit the following Amendment and Response. Applicants enclose a check for \$1920.00 to cover a three-month extension fee for response up to and including May 19, 2003, a petition fee for submitting a Terminal Disclaimer, a filing fee for a Request for Continued Examination (RCE), and a petition fee for change of inventorship. Applicants believe that no other fees are necessitated by the present Amendment. However, in the event that any additional fees are due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any such fees to Attorney's Deposit Account No. 20-0531.